

Report Date: 5/23/2022

Report Time: 7:23 AM EST

## Hotline Log Entry Information

Data ID: 2748136

Date Of Report: 12/9/2020 8:26:00 PM

NRC #: 1293921

State #:

ERNS #:

Material Type: Haz

Receiver: fitzsimmmons

Material / Amount: METHANOL (CAS # 67561) (87311 POUND(S));

Location: Street: 901 WEST DUPONT  
City: BELLE  
County: KANAWHA  
State: WV  
Latitude: 38.242668015064055  
Longitude: -81.55166600903108

Source of Pollution: BELLE CHEMICAL COMPANY

Water Body:

Response Type: Other Federal/State/Tribal/Local Agency Responded

Initial EPA Action: OSC has coordinated with DEP and other agencies associated with this incident, refer to action report associated with ERNS #2747733

Status: 2 - Closed

URL:

## Associated NRC Report

NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER 1-800-424-8802  
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Incident Report # 1293921

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

\*Report taken by NRC on 09-DEC-20 at 15:26 ET.  
Incident Type: FIXED  
Incident Cause: EXPLOSION  
Affected Area:  
Incident was discovered on 08-DEC-20 at 23:00 local incident time.  
Affected Medium: LAND / SOIL

REPORTING PARTY

Name: MICHELLE YOUNG  
Organization: CHEMOURS  
Address: 901 WEST DUPONT  
BELLE, WV  
Email Address: michelle.l.young@chemours.com

PRIMARY Phone: (b) (6)(b) (6)  
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: MICHAEL HODGE  
Organization: BELLE CHEMICAL COMPANY  
Address: 901 WEST DUPONT  
BELLE, WV  
PRIMARY Phone: (b) (6)(b) (6)  
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

INCIDENT LOCATION

901 WEST DUPONT County: KANAWHA  
City: BELLE State: WV

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: MAL Official Material Name: METHYL ALCOHOL  
Also Known As: METHANOL (CAS # 67561)  
Qty Released: 87311 POUND(S)

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

CALLER IS REPORTING AN EXPLOSION, A FIRE, AND A RELEASE OF A MAX POTENTIAL  
OF 87,311 POUNDS OF METHANOL ONTO THE GROUND AT THE INCIDENT LOCATION. THE  
EXPLOSION WAS DUE TO UNKNOWN CAUSES AT THIS TIME. 4 INJURIES AND 1 FATALITY  
WAS REPORTED.

CALLER STATED THE BULK OF THE MATERIAL WAS BURNED UP IN THE FIRE.

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INCIDENT DETAILS

Package: N/A  
Building ID:  
Type of Fixed Object: CHEMICAL FACILITY  
Power Generating Facility: UNKNOWN  
Generating Capacity:  
Type of Fuel:  
NPDES:  
NPDES Compliance: UNKNOWN

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IMPACT

Fire Involved: YES    Fire Extinguished: YES  
INJURIES:            YES 4 Sent to Hospital:    4            Empl/Crew:                    Passenger:  
FATALITIES:        YES 1 Empl/Crew:            1            Passenger:                    Occupant:  
EVACUATIONS:      NO    Who Evacuated:                                  Radius/Area:  
Damages:            NO

<u>Closure Type</u>	<u>Description of Closure</u>	<u>Hours Closed</u>	<u>Direction of Closure</u>
Air:	NO		
Road:	NO		Major Artery: NO
Waterway:	NO		
Track:	NO		
Passengers Transferred: NO			
Environmental Impact: UNKNOWN			
Media Interest: HIGH			

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REMEDIAL ACTIONS

CLEAN UP UNDERWAY  
Release Secured: YES  
Release Rate:  
Estimated Release Duration:

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WEATHER

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ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:            EPA, COAST GUARD, DHS  
State/Local:        FIRE MARSHALL, DEP, OSHA, CSB  
State/Local On Scene:  
State Agency Number:

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NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

ATLANTIC STRIKE TEAM (MAIN OFFICE)  
09-DEC-20 15:58 (609)5569376 CAZER  
AGCY TOXIC SUBST & DISEASE REGISTRY (HHS)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (770)4883430  
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (GRASP)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (770)4887100  
CG INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE BALTIMORE (MAIN OFFICE)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (410)5762555  
CHEM SAFETY AND HAZARD INVEST BOARD (MAIN OFFICE)  
09-DEC-20 15:52  
DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (SECRETARY OPERATION CENTER (SOC))  
09-DEC-20 15:52  
NATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER (NOC) (OPERATIONS COORDINATION DIVISION)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (202)2828101  
DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (202)3661863  
DOT OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (OFFICE OF INVESTIGATORS)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (202)3660339  
EPA HQ EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (MAIN OFFICE (AUTO))  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (202)5643850  
EPA HQ EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (AFTER HOURS SECONDARY)  
09-DEC-20 15:58 (202)5643850 TREIMEL  
U.S. EPA III (MAIN OFFICE)  
09-DEC-20 15:58 (215)8143255 FITZSIMMONS  
FBI STRATEGIC INFO OPERATIONS CNTR (MAIN OFFICE)  
09-DEC-20 15:58 (202)3233300 COLVIN  
NATIONAL HWY TRANS SAFETY ADMIN (MAIN OFFICE)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (202)4412924

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (202)2829201  
NOAA RPTS FOR WV (MAIN OFFICE)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (206)5264911  
NTSB PIPELINE (MAIN OFFICE)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (202)3146293  
ORSANCO (MAIN OFFICE)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (513)2317719  
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH ADMIN (MAIN OFFICE)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (801)9180995  
PIPELINE & HAZMAT SAFETY ADMIN (OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY (AUTO))  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (202)3660568  
PIPELINE & HAZMAT SAFETY ADMIN (OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY WEEKDAYS (AUTO2))  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (202)3660568  
PIPELINE & HAZMAT SAFETY ADMIN (HAZARDOUS MATERIAL ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (202)3664031  
REPORTING PARTY (RP SUBMITTER)  
09-DEC-20 15:52  
SECTOR OHIO VALLEY (COMMAND CENTER)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (502)7795424  
SECTOR OHIO VALLEY (MSU HUNTINGTON AUTOMATICS)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (304)7330198  
OFFICE OF ENV. POLICY & COMPLIANCE (MAIN OFFICE)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (215)5975012  
USCG DISTRICT 8 (MAIN OFFICE)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (504)5896225  
WEST VIRGINIA DEP (MAIN OFFICE)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (304)5585938  
WV INTELLIGENCE/FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)  
09-DEC-20 15:52 (304)5584831

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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